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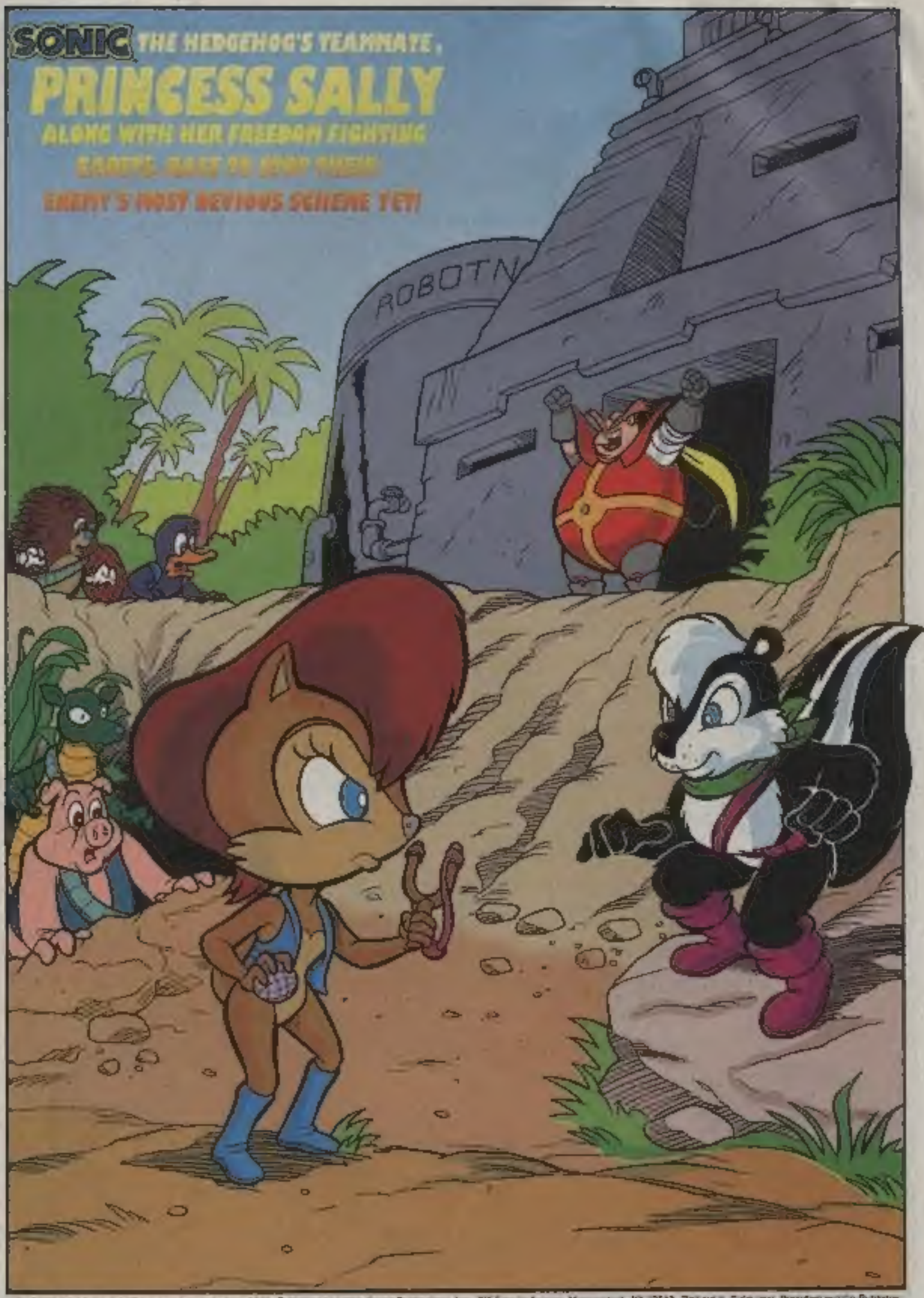
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FROM THE JOURNALS OF PRINCESS SALLY ACORN...

THE ASSAULT ON ROBOTNIK'S FACILITIES WENT, MORE OR LESS, AS EXPECTED! DYLAN, HAMLIN AND ST. JOHN PLAYED OUT THEIR ROLES IN THIS AFFAIR...

...WITH EXPLOSIVE RESULTS!

THE LAST OF THE TARGETED ENERGY SUBSTATIONS HAD BEEN DESTROYED...

KRA-KHOOM!

...THOUGH NOT WITHOUT COST!

ARLO HAD BEEN INJURED UPON ARRIVAL, AND, ALTHOUGH PENELOPE REMAINED BEHIND TO PROTECT HIM, WHEN THE RAIDING PARTY RETURNED...

...THEY WERE GONE!

THE OTHERS WERE RIGHTLY CONCERNED.

...BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE MISSION STILL LAY AHEAD!

WITH ROBOTROPOLIS' DEFENSE SYSTEM COMPROMISED, WE PREPARED TO STRIKE!

ST. JOHN HAD WANDERED OFF -- PRESUMABLY TO SCOUT THE TERRAIN AHEAD!

AFTER ALL...

PRINCESS Sally

...IT WAS ANYONE'S GUESS WHAT AWAITED US WITHIN!

OH, PUT A SOCKET IN IT, YOU RUSTY OLD BUCKET OF BOLTS!

WE GAVE AT THE OFFICE!

SPA-LOOSH!

INTRUDER-ALERT! INTRUDER-ALERT!

UNAUTHORIZED-ACCESS-HAS-BEEN-ACHIEVED-IN-SECTOR-76!

--TERMINATE-WITH-EXTREME-PREJUDICE!

"DEADLIEST OF THE SPECIES"

CONCLUSION!

CHUUM CHUUM CHUUM

SAVE YOUR BREATH, HAMLIN--

--AND CONCENTRATE ON STAYING ALIVE!

PROFOUND ADVICE, PRINCESS--

--WHICH WE WOULD ALL DO WELL TO FOLLOW!

SPLORCH!

REPEAT:- TERMINATE- WITH-

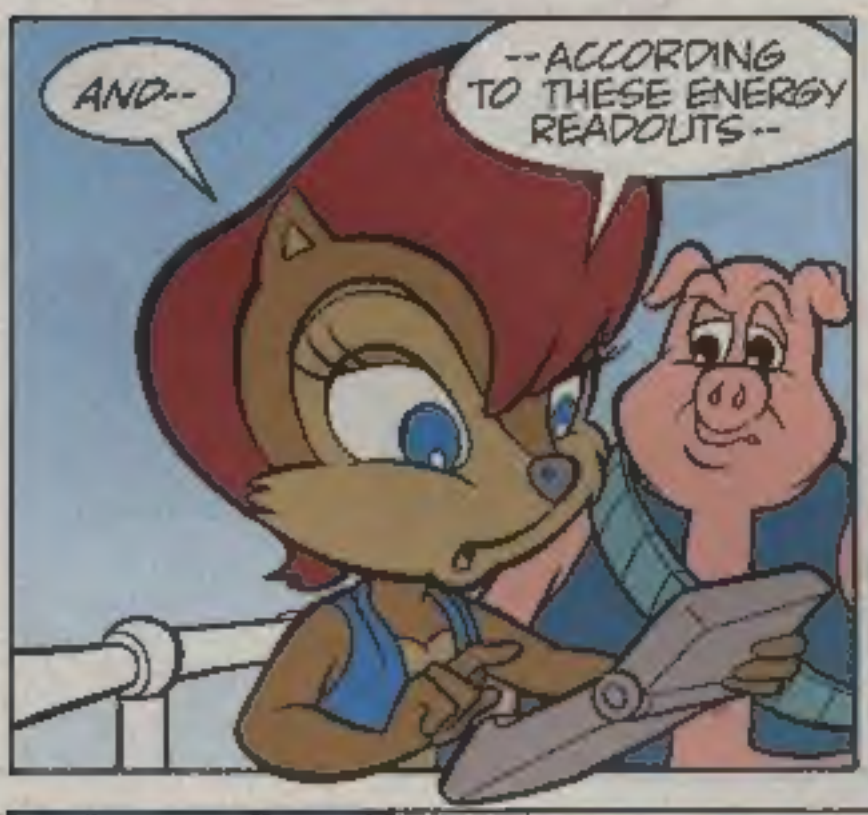
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THEY'RE RETURNING OUR FIRE!
THIS WAY! DUCK AND COVER!
ZAP
WHILE I RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR SPEED, PRINCESS--
--PERHAPS STAGING THIS ASSAULT WITH OUR UNIT AT *HALF-STRENGTH* WAS A *LESS-THAN-INSPIRED* COMMAND DECISION.
AND WITHOUT GEOFFREY..
ZAP
GEOFFREY? *HAH!* THE ORIGINAL "MR. USELESS"--AND A *COWARD* BESIDES.
JUST *LIKE* THE GUY TO CUT OUT ON US WHEN THE GOING GETS *ROUGH*.
WHO *NEEDS* HIM?
WE DO, HAMLIN!
ST. JOHN SAVED YOUR *LIFE*, REMEMBER?*
YEAH, *SURE*--
* SEE ISSUE #1 - SCOTT
--BUT WHAT'S HE DONE FOR US LATEL-*EEE*-
HAMLIN!
YEOW!
CHUUM
K-TANG!
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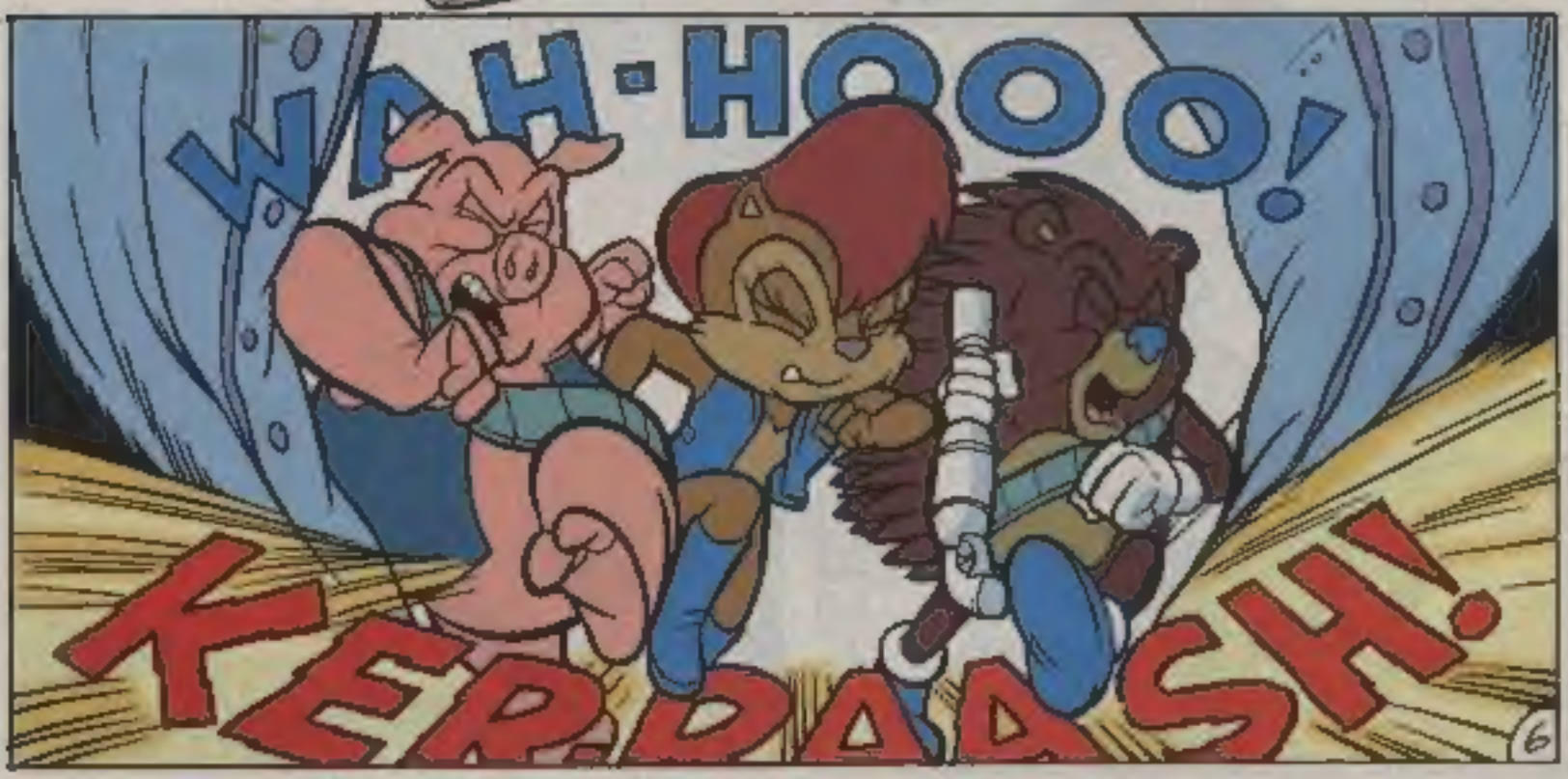

MOO
SNAG!
HUH? WHO?
PRINCESS GALLY!
DON'T THANK ME YET, HAMLIN!
AT LEAST--
CHUUM CHUUM
NOT UNTIL--
YOU'RE SAFELY--
KLIK!
GRIND!
WHIRRRR.
TARGETING... TARGETING... TARGETING... TARGET-LOCK ACQUIRED...
5


--OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE!
ZIP!
CHUUM!


WHEW!
IF THERE'S ONE CONSTANT IN THIS LIFE--
--IT'S THAT WE CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOU, PRINCESS!
SAVE THE COMPLIMENTS FOR LATER!
WE HAVE A JOB TO DO!


AND--
--ACCORDING TO THESE ENERGY READOUTS--


--OUR OBJECTIVE IS BEHIND DOOR NUMBER ONE!
THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
OR, TO EXERCISE THE COMMON SPEECH--


WAH-HOOO!
KER-DASH!

FOURTEEN MINUTES ELEVEN SECONDS.

UNACCEPTABLE!

YOU'VE KEPT US *WAITING*, FREEDOM FIGHTERS--

--AND *TARDINESS* IS A SIN I FIND *MOST* DIFFICULT TO *FORGIVE!*

STILL, YOU ARE *HERE NOW*, AND *THAT*, IN THE END, IS ALL THAT *MATTERS!*

DID I *FORGET* MYSELF--*INTRODUCTIONS* ARE IN ORDER!

I, OF COURSE, AM *DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK!*

AND MY *ASSOCIATE*, I BELIEVE, IS ALREADY *KNOWN* TO YOU.

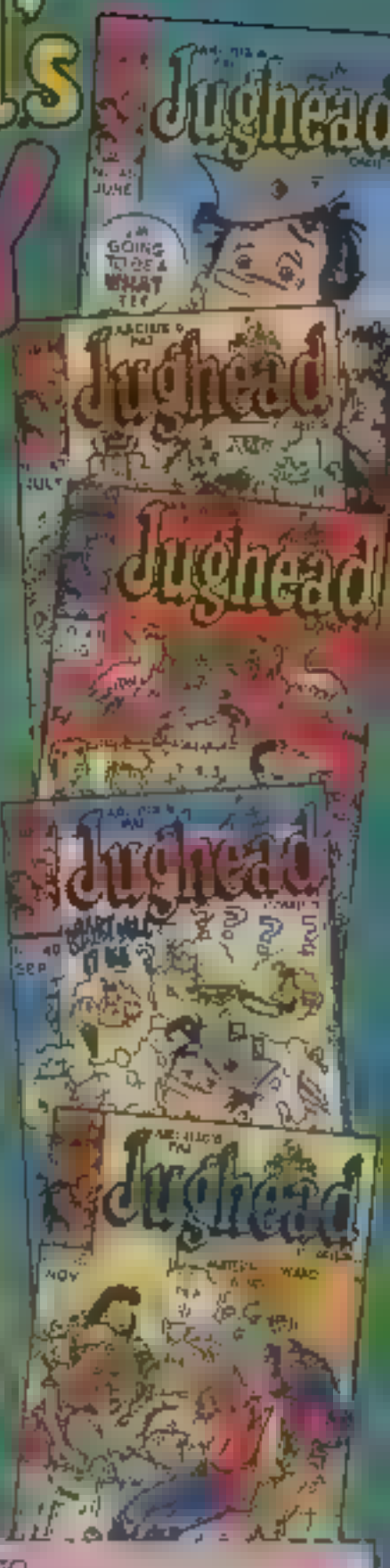
G'DAY, MATES.

WELCOME TO THE *PARTY.*

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GEOFFREY--AND DR. ROBOTNIK--TOGETHER?!
THAT MEANS
YOU TRAITOR!!
YOU SET US UP!
BRIGHT BOY! F-GURED IT OUT ALL BY Y' LONESOME, EH?
I'M IMPRESSED.
NOT AS "IMPRESSED" AS YOU'RE GONNA BE, PAL--
--ONCE I'M FINISHED POUNDING YOU INTO THE PAVEMENT!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
GET OFF OF HIM, HAM--N, BEFORE YOU GET A FACE FULL OF PAINT -- FOR STARTERS! WE'RE BOTH ON THE SAME SIDE, AFTER ALL!
PRINCESS?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
8

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS, GENTLEMEN?

THE "PRINCESS" WHO STANDS BEFORE YOU IS NOT THE TRUE SALLY AT ALL--BUT AN INCREDIBLE ROBO DUPLICATE!

YOU SEE, THERE WAS NO WEAKNESS IN THE ROBOTROPOLIS DEFENSE SYSTEM--

--INDEED, THERE NEVER HAS BEEN!

DEFENSE SYSTEM

ROBOTROPOLIS

-NTACT

THE ENTIRE "ENERGY SUBSTATION" SCHEME WAS MERELY A FIELD-TEST FOR MY LATEST, MOST AMBITIOUS CREATION

- THE AUTO-AUTOMATON! A PERFECT ROBOT DUPLICATE OF A LIVING BEING--IN EVERY WAY!

MAGNIFICENT, ISN'T SHE? ONLY HER CREATOR KNOWS FOR SURE!

AND NOW THAT THIS FIRST MODEL HAS PROVEN SUCCESSFUL, I SHALL BEGIN REPLACING THE KEY MEMBERS OF YOUR RESISTANCE MOVEMENT!

AS FOR THE GENUINE ARTICLE--

--DELIVERED TO ME BY YOUR "ASSOCIATE"--REBEL UNDERGROUND LEADER GEOFFREY ST. JOHN--

K-CHUNG!

--I FEAR HER-- USEFULNESS-- HAS COME TO AN END.

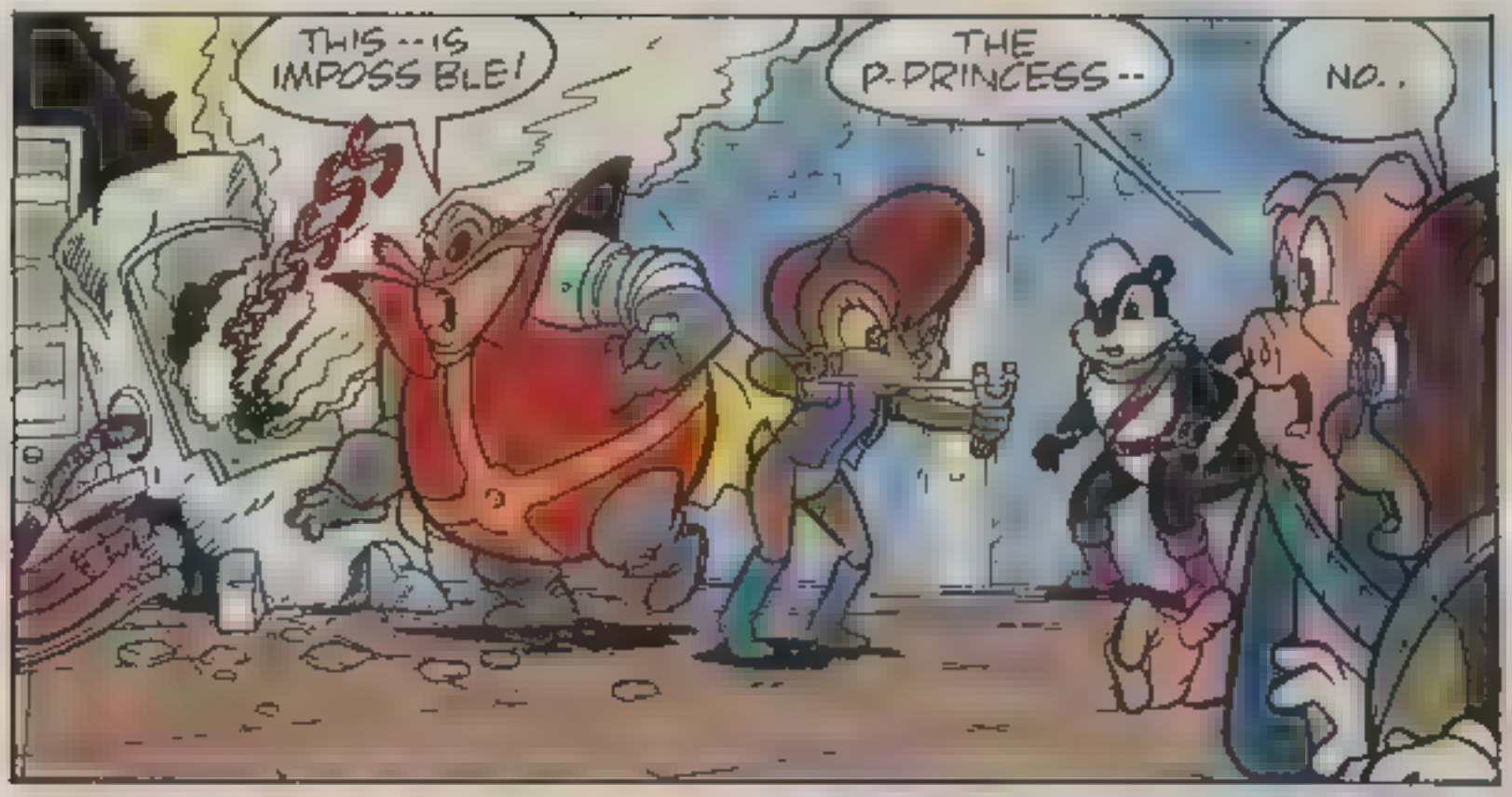
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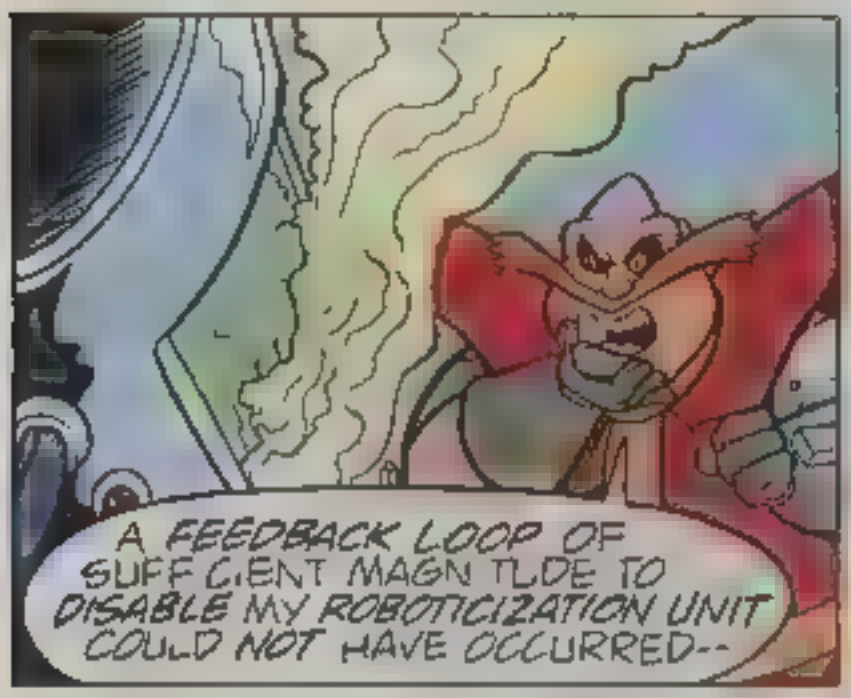
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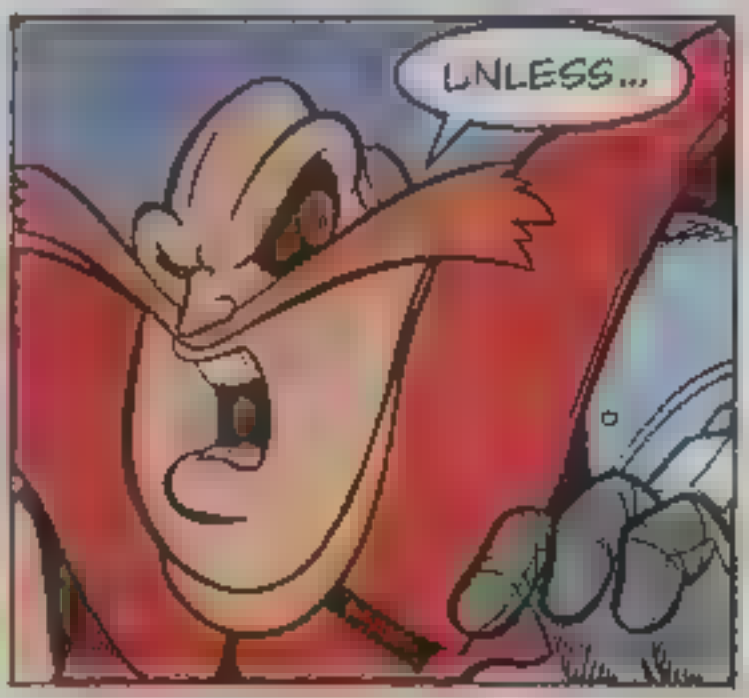
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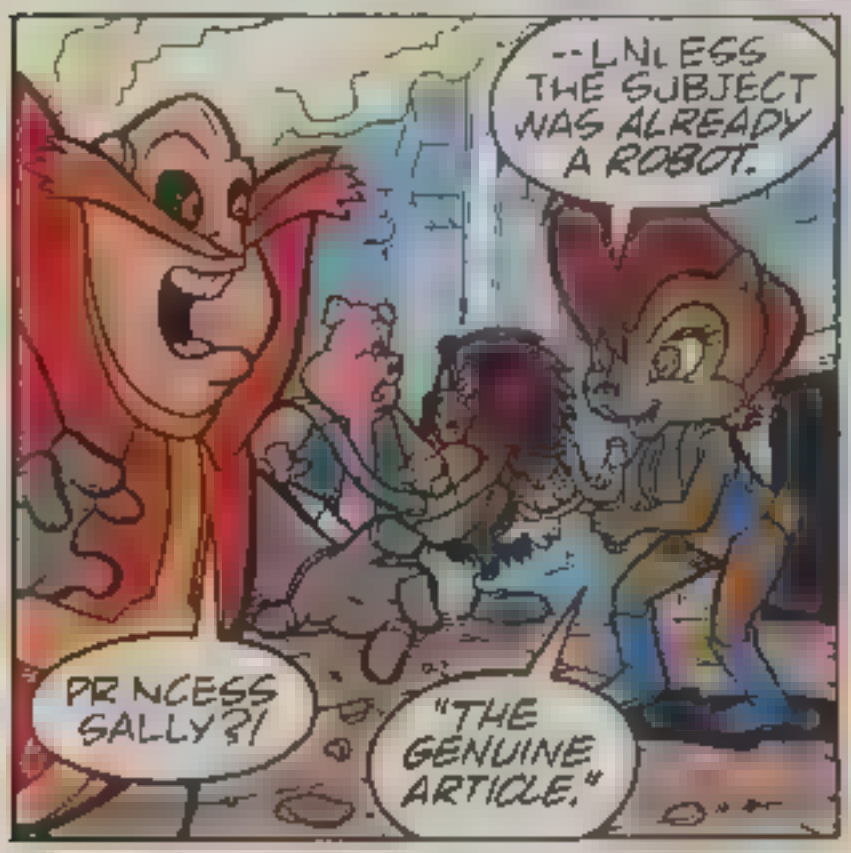
WHA--?

KA-BOOM!!


THIS--IS IMPOSS BLE!
THE P-PRINCESS--
NO..


A FEEDBACK LOOP OF SUFF CIENT MAGN TUDE TO DISABLE MY ROBOTICIZATION UNIT COULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED--


UNLESS...


--UNLESS THE SUBJECT WAS ALREADY A ROBOT.
PR NCESS SALLY?!
"THE GENUINE ARTICLE."


WE'VE BEEN W SE TO YOUR GAME FROM THE BEGINNING, ROBOTNIK.
NOW COME ALONG QUIETLY.

...OR MAKE MY DAY!

I THINK NOT!

ALTHOUGH I FAIL TO SEE HOW YOU SAW THROUGH MY LITTLE CHARADE--

K-CHUNG!

K-CHAK!

K-CHUK!

I NEVER PLAY WITHOUT A BRILLIANT BACK-UP PLAN!

STEALTH 'BOTS! CRAWLING OUT OF THE WOODWORK!

WE'RE SURROUNDED!!

HAHAHAHA! BID FAREWELL TO YOUR FREE-DOM FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

HAVING DISCOVERED MY "PLAN" YOU MAY HAVE WON THE BATTLE--

--BUT THE WAR WILL YET BE MINE!

EH?

THE FLOOR--

NOW WHAT?!

RRRUMBBLE!

Y' SAID Y'SELF I WAS LEADER OF THE REBEL UNDERGROUND, DOC--

--AND HERE THEY COME!

THROOOOM!

DIG IN, MEN!
SECURE THE PERIMETER--
--AND FREE THOSE P.O.W.'S!
ARLO! PENELOPE!
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
BELIEVE IT, DOC!
IT'S AS REAL AS IT GETS!
KAPLUMP!
HAI!!!
LT. SMILEY! COMMANDER FLEMING! GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT!
GEOFFREY?
WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?
OURS, OF COURSE!
BUT EXPLANATIONS WILL HAVE TO WAIT, UNTIL--
--UNTIL ETERNITY, PRINCESS! ST. JOHN MAY HAVE DECEIVED ME--

-- BUT BETRAYAL--

--IS A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD!

BEEP. BEEP. BEEP

SELF DESTRUCT ACTIVATED

HAVE A NICE LIFE MY FR ENDS--

SCHOOMP!

00:31 00:29 00:28

- WHAT'S LEFT OF IT!

HAHAHAHA

THE PLACE IS SET TO BLOW!

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE--

00:27 00:26 00:25 00:24 00:23

UH OH!

THERE GOES OUR TICKET HOME!

ANY BRIGHT IDEAS, PRINCESS?

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

ONLY ONE, ST JOHN--

00:22 00:21 00:20 00:19 00:18

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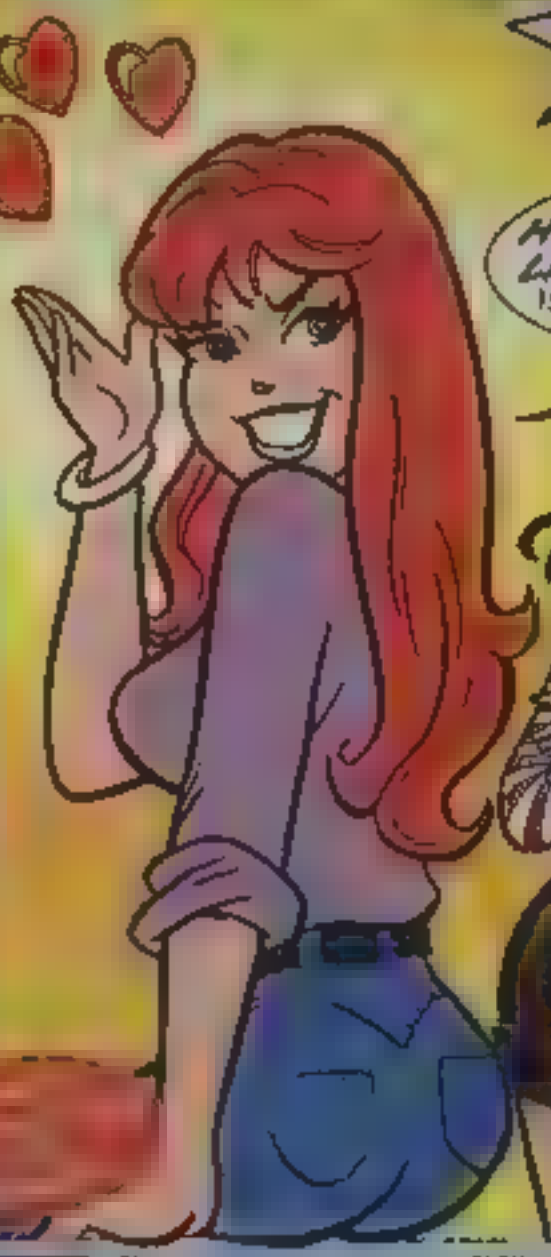
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00:17 00:16 00:15 00:14 00:13

THAT WE'D BETTER SEEK ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION, FAST!!

THOOM THOOM THOOM

TAKE THEM OUT!

HANGER 18

SKRA-LOOSH!

00:12 00:11 00:10 00:09 00:08

EVERYBODY GRAB AN AIR CAR--

-- AND DON'T SPARE THE HORSEPOWER!

VZZUUUM!

LAUNCH CORRIDOR C-57D

VROOOM!

C-57D

00:07 00:06 00:05 00:04 00:03

SHOOOM!!

00:02 00:01


BOOM..
KRA-KOOOM!

SO MUCH FOR ROBOTNIK'S ROBOT DUPLICATE PRODUCTION PLANT!

HE WON'T BE MAKING ANY MORE OF ME--OR OF ANYONE ELSE--ANYTIME SOON!

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

COULD YOU BACK UP AND RUN THAT BY ME AGAIN, PRINCESS?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

NOT SURPRISING, HAMLIN! I WAS IN ON THE PLAN--

--AND I BARELY UNDERSTOOD IT MYSELF!

BUT FIRST--

--ONE FINAL BIT OF BUSINESS!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY VALOR YOU DISPLAYED IN THE FACE OF OVERWHELMING ODDS--

--I HEREBY AWARD YOU THESE BATTLEFIELD COMMISSIONS!

FROM THIS MOMENT ON, YOU ARE FULL-FLEDGED FREEDOM FIGHTERS, WITH ALL THE PRIVILEGES AND DUTIES THE RANK ENTAILS!

CONGRATULATIONS!

WOW!

CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!

THAT NIGHT--

SORRY I COULDN'T TELL YOU THE FULL STORY SOONER, BUT SECRECY WAS CRITICAL!

YOUR REACTIONS TO EVENTS HAD TO BE AUTHENTIC--

--OR ROBOTNIK MIGHT HAVE SUSPECTED OUR PLAN!

ROBOTNIK HAD CUT A DEAL WITH ST. JOHN TO SWAP ME FOR THAT ROBOT DUPLICATE!

"--BUT ST. JOHN'S TRUE LOYALTIES LAY WITH KING AND COUNTRY!"

"HE WAS A DOUBLE AGENT ALL ALONG!"

"AFTER GAINING MY TRUST BY REVEALING WHAT HE KNEW OF ROBOTNIK'S MASTER PLAN, WE TOOK STEPS TO THROW A MONKEY WRENCH INTO IT--

--BY ACTIVATING THE ROBOT DUPLICATE PREMATURELY!"

"WITH MY ROBOT DUPLICATE GIVEN FREE REIGN TO FULFILL ITS PROGRAMMING, ST JOHN WAS ABLE TO UNCOVER THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF ROBOTNIK'S SCHEME--"

--INCLUDING THE ATTACKS ON THE NEXT TWO ENERGY SUBSTATIONS, WHICH WERE CLEVER DECOYS DEVISED TO TEST THE LEADERSHIP SKILLS OF HIS CREATION!"

AND, JUST IN CASE ROBOTNIK HAD ANY OTHER SURPRISES IN STORE FOR US, WE HAD A SAFETY NET--

NAMELY, THE REBEL UNDERGROUND

THAT'S HOW WE "DISAPPEARED" OFF THE ISLAND!

SHORTLY AFTER YOU LEFT--

"--THEY ARRIVED ON THE SCENE!"

"THEN, AFTER GETTING MY BROKEN LEG--

"--WE LITERALLY DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT!

BY THAT POINT I'D LEARNED WHAT WE NEEDED TO KNOW!

NEXT CAME THE TRICKY PART.

"I HAULED THE MECHANICAL SALLY BACK THROUGH THE FOREST--

"--AND SWAPPED HER FOR THE PRINCESS IN FULL MONITOR VIEW OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!"

"SO FAR AS THE DOC WAS CONCERNED, THIS WAS THE FIRST -- AND ONLY -- SWITCHEROO --

"--WHICH LEFT US FREE TO PLOT OUR NEXT MOVE!"

THAT PARTICULAR EXCHANGE CORRESPONDED WITH SUBTLE DIFFERENCES I NOTED, BUT FAILED TO HEED!

THE ROBOT ALWAYS REFERRED TO GEOFFREY BY HIS GIVEN NAME, WHILE THE REAL PRINCESS REFERRED TO HIM AS "MR. ST. JOHN".

"THE ROBOT ALSO WORE A DIFFERENT COLORED VEST!"*

*IT'S TRUE! CHECK PREVIOUS ISSUES Scott

"WITH THOSE EXCEPTIONS, THE MECHANICAL SALLY BEHAVED IN AN ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE MANNER!"

"SHE GAVE ORDERS--MADE HARD CHOICES - EVEN GRIEVED--JUST LIKE THE REAL THING!"

I KNOW, DYLAN!

IF ST. JOHN HADN'T TIPPED US OFF--

-ROBOTNIK'S PLAN WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED!

THE ROBOT DUPLICATE WAS FLAWLESS! BUT NOW, WE PLANTED A SEED OF DOUBT IN ROBOTNIK'S MIND!

HE THINKS WE SAW THROUGH HIS PLAN, THANKS TO ST JOHN!

FOR ALL OF OUR SAKES--

--WE MUST PRAY HE NEVER DISCOVERS THE ULTIMATE TRUTH!

THE NEXT MORNING..

I REALLY W SH YOU'D RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION, MISTER ST. JOHN!

COME BACK TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE WITH JS. THERE'S ALWAYS A NEED FOR SOMEONE OF YOUR CALIBRE.

I KNOW, LUV. BUT THE REBEL UNDERGROUND NEEDS ME, TOO--

- AND I CAN DO MY B·T FOR THE CAUSE HERE, BY HELPING WAGE THEIR GUERILLA WAR AGA NST ROBOTN.K'S TYRANNY!

I UNDER-STAND.

WILL--WILL I EVER GEE YOU AGAIN?

PERHAPS, M'LUV! WHEN THE WAR IS OVER!

OH AND BY THE WAY-

SMACK!

YOU CAN CALL ME GEOFFREY!

WE LEFT FOR KNOTHOLE VILLAGE SOON THEREAFTER. THOUGH ROBOTNIK HAD NOT BEEN VANQUISHED, HE HAD BEEN DETERRED, WHICH MEANT MY OBLIGA-TIONS AS A FREEDOM FIGHTER TOOK PRECEDENCE OVER MORE PERSONAL CONCERNS.

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As we come to a close I would like to say thank you to every one involved with this comic, and a special thank you to **Jennifer Hunn** at **SEGA**. ...And, Hey... how about a round of applause for the gang at **HEROIC AGE COLORS** for the beautiful colors on all three covers! Clap! Clap! Clap! Clap!

Till we speak again in the pages of Sonic...

Gotta Juice!

Sally

P.S. Would you like to see Princess Sally in a regular, monthly comic book series? If yes, please send me a postcard to the address above with the printed words:

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NOW!!!

Last time I asked for this type of response, I received over eight hundred post cards! Let's see if you can help me break a thousand!

Dear Princess Sally,

Hi! My name is Horace Hawkins. I am age 14. Sally, I'd like to say Happy Valentine's Day! I got the first issue of your comic book and I think the colors are much better than in the Sonic books. Sally, may I be your boyfriend? Sally, I love your pretty blue eyes and your beautiful red hair. I will get #2 in March 1995. Sally, can you tell your friends that I said Hi? I love you, Sally!

Horace Hawkins
Chicago, Il

I love you too, Horace, especially since you wrote me a such a lovely letter! Did you know that you have the distinction of being the second reader to have his letter printed in my mini-series?! As for being my boyfriend, in the past you just had to contend with jealousy from a certain Hedgehog (and believe me, that's enough!) -- now you're going to have to deal with a rather suave rogue of a skunk! Good luck! Keep following my adventures every month in the pages of Sonic The Hedgehog!

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Tim's speech is getting better. Got him to imagine his audience in their underwear so he wouldn't be so nervous. Brought Tim 2 more boxes of crunch. He loves that sweet crunchy taste!

Tim can't wait to give speech. Maybe all he needed was to crunch up his confidence. Cleaned my room. Have to stop eating my cereal in bed.

Tim's speech was terrific!! Got applause from the whole class. I knew he could do it. Weekend! Time to go to national speed boat races!

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CAPN CRUNCH

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